Airlink between Meerut and Lucknow

230. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that entire Western Uttar Pradesh has no airlink with the State Capital at Lucknow; and

(b) whether Government propose to start air service between Meerut and Lucknow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are no direct airlinks between Lucknow and the Western Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The State Government has been approached to provide an airstrip at Meerut. Vayudoot would consider providing an air service between Lucknow and Meerut when the airstrip is ready and there is adequate traffic.

Sports in Schools and Colleges

231. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to promote sports in schools and colleges in the country;

(b) whether the Central Government have also written any letter to the State Governments recently in this regard; and

(c) what are the details of funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The development programme for sports and games formulated by the Central Government for the 7th Five Year Plan (1986-1990) covers *inter alia* promotion of sports in schools and colleges. The following Central Schemes have been launched which have a special thrust towards promotion of sports and games in schools and colleges:

(i) The scheme of Sports Authority of India of adoption of schools for sports training;

(ii) The National Coaching Scheme implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports;

(iii) The scheme of setting up of Sports Hostels in the country initiated by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports;

(iv) The scheme of Sport Talent Search Scholarships for children talented in sports in schools and colleges implemented by the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports on behalf of the Department;

(v) The scheme of setting up of Field Stations of the Society for National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports (SNIPES) in Universities implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports;

(vi) Incentive Scheme for promotion of sports and games in schools through prize money;

(vii) National Sports Organisation Programme for promotion of Sports and games among college/university students and development of physical infrastructure for the same.

Many State Governments are already running sports schools for development of sports in schools and colleges. Besides, new National Policy on Education-1986

provide, that sports and physical education are an integral part of the learning process.

(b) While letters are written to State Governments on the need for promotion of sports and games in schools and colleges as and when necessary, the broad question of promotion of sports and games in educational institutions was discussed in the Conference of Ministers' of Sports and Youth Affairs of States and Union Territory Administrations held on 20th and 21st June, 1986 at New Delhi, and the important Central Schemes for the purpose were brought to the notice of the State Governments.

(c) A total outlay of Rs. 200 crores has been earmarked in the 7th Plan for implementation of Central Government's developmment programme covering *inter-alia* the above schemes.

Freight Traffic by Railways

232. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target fixed for freight traffic by the railways during 1986-87 for each of the commodities such as coal, cement, oil, fertilisers and food grains;

(b) whether these targets are likely to be achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the transport capacity of railways in the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The targets for revenue earning freight traffic for various commodities for 1986-87 are as under:

	(In million tonnes)
Coal	110·00
Raw materials to steel plants	26·00
Pig iron & finished steel from steel plants	9·50
Iron ore for export	13·00
Cement	20·00
Foodgrains	22·00
Fertilisers	14·00
P.O.L.	18·50
Balance other goods	34·00
TOTAL	267·00

(b) and (c) While overall target will be achieved, there is likely to be shortfall in coal and steel sectors, due mainly to less offer of traffic in the earlier part of the year. There may be marginal shortfall in cement due to loss of production on account of power cuts, dislocation of traffic caused by heavy rains and breaches in August and October, 1986, less offer in certain areas, etc.

(d) In the seventh plan period emphasis is being laid on removing constraints and bottle-necks affecting the movement of freight traffic. Accordingly heavy investments (within the sanctioned allocations) have been planned in rolling stock, line capacity works including signalling, and maintenance infrastructure. In addition, steps are being taken towards modernisation and technological upgradation of the system including computerisation of freight operation information service.

Engine Failure in Dornier Planes

233. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which ap-